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ABSTRACT

The Head Start program is a comprehensive child development program designed to increase the social competence of children in low-income families and children with disabilities and to improve their chances of school success. This 9-minute videotape describes the Head Start and Early Head Start programs in North Dakota. The tape features parents talking about the program and the benefits for children and families as well as videotape footage of children during a typical Head Start day. The videotape highlights the development of possibilities for income-eligible children and their families through the Head Start-provided educational program, regular medical and dental care for children, family education and involvement opportunities, and encouragement of parental self-sufficiency. Topics discussed include providing culturally relevant education, meeting the needs of children with disabilities, providing transportation, and easing transition to kindergarten. (KB)

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